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TAGS: FAO, EAGR

SUBJECT: SHORT-TERM CEREAL PROBLEM CONSULTATION

REF: ROME 16306

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LONDON FOR US DEL TO FAC (ROBERT SERVICE)

1. FODAG SHOULD SEEK URGENT APPOINTMENT WITH FAO DIRECTOR  
GENERAL BOERMA TO MAKE DE MARCHE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

-- US REPRESENTATIVES AT NOVEMBER 29 CONSULTATION WILL  
BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS US ASSESSMENT SOUTH ASIAN NATIONS'  
IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR CEREALS AND US ESTIMATES OF  
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EXPORT AVAILABILITIES;

-- SHORT OF EXPORT CONTROLS WHICH IT NOT PREPARED ADOPT,  
US CANNOT EARMARK AVAILABLE GRAIN SUPPLIES; PRESENT POLICY  
IS TO CLOSELY MONITOR VOLUME AND DESTINATIONS OF SHIPMENTS  
THROUGH ITS VOLUNTARY EXPORT CLEARANCE SYSTEM;  
-- IT IS US VIEW THAT MAJOR CEREALS EXPORTERS ARE ALREADY  
PRINCIPLE FOOD AID DONORS AND CANNOT BE EXPECTED, UNDER  
PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, TO SHOULDER FINANCIAL BURDEN FOR  
WHATEVER ADDITIONAL CONCESSIONAL FINANCING MAY BE REQUIRED  
FOR FOOD RELIEF;  
-- IF DIR GEN INTENDS, AS IMPLIED BY HIS REMARKS TO  
FRASER (ROME 16380), TO THREATEN PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN AS  
MEANS TO PRESSURE US, THEN WE MUST RECONSIDER OUR  
PARTICIPATION IN THESE CONSULTATIONS;  
-- US IS PREPARED TO COOPERATE IN EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY  
URGENT FOOD NEEDS AND AVAILABILITY OF COMMODITIES TO MEET  
THEM, BUT IN DOING SO IT IS UNWILLING TO EXPOSE ITSELF TO  
THREATS        IN FORM OF PUBLIC CRITICISM--ESPECIAL-  
LY IN LIGHT OF ITS UNMATCHED RECORD OF RESPONSE TO HUMANI-  
TARIAN NEEDS;  
--IN US VIEW, PROBLEM OF MEETING FOOD RELIEF REQUIREMENTS  
IS LESS ONE OF AVAILABILITY OF COMMODITIES THAN IT IS OF  
FINANCE. DEBATES AT THIRD PREPCOM AND AT WFC ITSELF  
MADE CLEAR GENERAL VIEW THAT TRADITIONAL DONORS CANNOT BE  
SOLE SOURCE FOR FOOD RELIEF, BUT FUNDING MUST COME  
FROM OIL EXPORTERS AS WELL.

2. FYI. AS OF NOW, WE STILL INTEND THAT BELL AND SERVICE  
WILL ATTEND NOVEMBER 29 CONSULTATION. BUT BOERMA MUST  
UNDERSTAND THAT WE MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IF HE INTENDS TO  
USE HIS POSITION AS INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVANT TO BRING  
MEDIA PRESSURE ON US TO MAKE FOOD AID AND EXPORT COMMIT-  
MENTS IT IS NOT AT THIS TIME PREPARED TO UNDERTAKE. END FYI

3. PLEASE REPORT BOERMA'S REACTION ASAP, REPEATING YOUR  
REPLY TO LONDON FOR BELL AND SERVICE. INGERSOLL

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